QUÆRIES
Touching the
Present Condition
Of His
MAJESTIES KINGDOM
Of
IRELAND.

1. WHether it be not demonstrable by search made into the Records of His Majesties Auditor General of *Ireland*, that had his Majesties Revenue of that Kingdome been well managed, there had been money enough to answer the necessary Charge of that Kingdom?

2. Whether upon search made of His Majesties Exchequer in *England*, there doth not appear upwards of 200000 l. sent out of *England* into *Ireland* since the Duke of *Ormonds* last Government there?

3. Whether there doth not appear that there were twenty four Subsidies amounting to 360000 l. assessed by the late Parliament of *Ireland*?

4. Whether there was not 50000 l. advanced out of the Soldiers and Adventurers Rents?

5. Whether the aforesaid Summs thus extraordinarily raised, do not amount to above six hundred thousand pounds?

6. Wherher the aforesaid extraordinary Summs would not discharge near Four Years of His Majesties Establishment both

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both in the Civil and Martial Liſt, Independently of the Revenue of that Kingdom ?

7. Though the aforeſaid Summs extraordinarily raiſed would have paid near Four Years Eſtabliſhment, yet whether the Martial and Civil Liſts be not a Year and half in arrear ?

8. Whether His Majeſties Ordinary, certain and Caſual Revenue, which if well managed, might have fully paid His Majeſties neceſſary Charge, whether upon the aforeſaid Principles it is not demonſtrable, that the ſaid revenue hath not diſcharged more then one year and a halfs Eſtabliſhment in ſix years time ?

9. Whether it be not demonſtrable then, that there hath been more then Four years and a halfs Revenue embeſled in ſix years time : and whether the chief Governour be not more faulty in this great miſcarriage then the Earle of *Angleſy*.

Quæries *in Relation to the Lord Duke of* Ormond.

1. Whether by ſales of Offices, as Lord Steward and receits out of His Majeſties Exchequer of *England*, the Lord Duke of *Ormond* hath not raiſed upwards of 30000 l ?

2. Whether he did not receive by one Act of Parliament of *Ireland* as a gift, 30000 l ?

3. Whether it doth not appear by the Records of His Majeſties Treaſurie of *Ireland*, that his Grace did receive 12000 l. before his being laſt Lievtenant ?

4. Whether he did not receive 12000 l. *per annum* as Lord Lievtenant, which was a Moyetie more than any Lord Lievtenant received ; and that Moyetie amounts in ſix years to 36000 l ?

5. Whether it doth not appear that his Grace hath releaſed by

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by the Act of Settlement 60000 l? due to honeſt men and good Subjects, upon his Eſtate before the Rebellion?

6. Whether his Grace hath not received 30000 l. out of Soldiers and Adventurers Lands, which he invaded and entered upon without any Title, as appears by the Records of the Court of *Claymes* in *Ireland*, which hath decreed the Lands from him?

7. Whether by the Act of Explanation he hath not got the City of *Kilkenny*, and ſix other Corporat Towns, together with their Lands and Liberties, valued by himſelf and his friends of the Councell but at 60000 l. though they are well worth 120000 l?

8. Whether he did not obtain by a ſpecial warrant from His Majeſtie 72000 l. out of the Soldiers and Adventurers half year Revenue?

9. Whether there is not confirmed to him 50000 l. more by the Explanatory Act, for waving a grant which he got by the Act of Settlement?

10. Whether he hath not got as many Gentlemens Eſtates, upon the pretence of a grant of enjoying all Lands that he could prove (by witneſſes) to have payed him any Chiefrey, as is worth at leaſt 150000 l. and whether alſo, he hath not obtained that for the ſaid Lands, no quitt Rent be paid to the King, which grant at 3 *d.* an Acre *per annum* amounts to 26000 l?

11. Whether he hath not arbitrarily laied upon the Inhabitants of the City of *Dublin* 8000 l. *per annum*, amounting (for theſe ſix years paſt of his Government) to 48000 l?

12. Whether he hath not againſt the fundamental Laws and *Magna Charta*, incloſed divers parcells of Land belonging to the Kings good Subjects without their conſent, to the value of 1500 l. *per annum* at the very Gates of *Dublin*, to the great prejudice of that City and the Country; the profit

of which Land and Park, he hath beſtowed upon the Lord of *Dungannon* and Colonel *Cook*?

13. Whether it be credible, that his Grace is zealous for the Engliſh and Proteſtant Intereſt, ſeeing it is not poſſible for the Soldiers and Adventurers to be reprized according to His Majeſties gracious Declaration, when his Grace hath ſwallowed up in gifts and grants the beſt part of the Stock of Reprizalls, and hath made or permitted ſuch Embeſlements of His Majeſties revenue, and applyed the Royal authority, wholly to gain vaſt advantages to himſelf, and whether by preferring his own private gains and grants, before the Publique good and the Juſt right of the Adventurers and Soldiers, he hath not unſettled the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and unſatisfied the two main intereſts of Proteſtants (the Soldiers and Adventurers) to ſuch a degree, that it is to be feared, it will be a continual charge to *England*, to keep to the rules of the Acts of Settlement and Explanation ſo deſtroyed and deſperate a people: and whether all this expence, trouble and danger, for preſerving the Duke of *Ormond* and his Family (that is as much *Iriſh* as any can be) in other mens Inheritances, and Rights, be the intereſt of *England* or agreable to the Maxims of ſound Policy or of Chriſtian Piety?

14, Whether ſuch of His Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects of *Ireland*, as have eſcaped the Duke of *Ormonds* Proviſo, have not juſt grounds to fear, that if the ſame Duke of *Ormond* ſhould continue in his Government, and preſs, as now he doth, the payment of 100000 l. they will not be in a condition to live, or to pay His Majeſties quit Rents, and the neceſſary charges of the Kingdom?

15. Whether after the Prohibition of tranſporting Cattle, and ſo much oppreſſion, by the Lord Lievtenant and his Creatures, it be poſſible for His Majeſties empoveriſhed Subjects of *Ireland*, to pay the 300000 l. aſſeſſed by the Ex-

Explanatory Act, whereof the First 100000 l. is for his Grace?

16. Whether his Grace had not a great regard for His Majesties service, when he lately pressed the King and Councel to call a Parliament in *Ireland*, for imposing new Taxes upon that miserable people, and for confirming all his own new acquisitions, whereby the Soldiers, Adventurers and Nominees are defrauded of his Majesties intended favours, and the *English* interest utterly destroyed?

17. Whether the Duke of *Ormonds* gifts and grants amount not unto 630000 l. and whether this Summe would not have satisfied all the *English* interest of *Ireland*, and have settled the Protestants and well meriting Natives of that Kingdom in peace; whereas now His Majesty and all Christendom is troubled with their clamours against the breach of Publique Faith; and all this stirr, destruction of the people, and discredit of the Government, to humour one particular man, whose merit is not so extraordinary, as his management hath been unsuccessful?

18. Whether not only some of the Nobility of *Ireland*, but very many of the Nobility, Knights and Gentry of *England* have not lost greater revenues, and richer moveables for being Cavaliers, then the Duke of *Ormond*, whose Estate was much incumbered, and his rents before the rebellion exceeding not 7000 l. *per annum*, and during the Warr, got more by his Government of *Ireland*, and giving up *Dublin*, then he could if he were in possession of his Estate?

19. Whether such as endeavoured to conceale these miscarriages and miseries of the Kingdom of *Ireland* from His Majesties and the Parliaments knowledge, and yet strive to have the Duke of *Ormonds* destructive Government continue, deserve not to be questioned by the Parliament, as be-

betrayers of the Publique good, and of the Lawes and Liberties of *England*?

20. Whether it be fit, that the Government of *Ireland* ſhould continue ſo long in one perſon, as it hath in the Duke of *Ormond*, though he were not an Iriſh man, and all his relations were not Papiſts, and very great Enemies of the Engliſh and Proteſtant intereſt?

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